Jacquelyn Sawyer Appointed Chief Learning Officer at the Cleveland Museum of Art

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Cleveland, OH (May 24, 2024)—The Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) today announced the appointment of Jacquelyn Sawyer to the position of chief learning officer following an extensive national search.

Sawyer comes to the CMA with a wealth of experience, having served in museum leadership positions, overseeing education, interpretation, and community engagement. In her role at the CMA, she is responsible for all public and academic engagement and outreach, including academic programs, collection and exhibition programming, school and teacher programs, and the museum's Education Art Collection. As chief learning officer, Sawyer also leads the museum's initiatives to engage broad and diverse audiences with the museum's global collections.

"I am immensely pleased to welcome Jacquelyn as our chief learning officer," said William M. Griswold, CMA director and president. "Her experience as an educator and in interpretation opens a wealth of opportunity for the CMA to welcome students, engage with our audiences, and connect with communities outside our walls."

Sawyer most recently served as vice president of education and engagement at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC, where she led the Education and Engagement department. She has held director roles at Reginald F. Lewis Museum and the National Aquarium and has a master of arts degree in teaching in curriculum and instruction from Johns Hopkins University.

"I am extremely excited for the opportunity to serve at such a storied institution," said Sawyer. "The CMA's mission to create transformative experiences 'for the benefit of all the people' is inspirational. I am looking forward to creating opportunities and building pathways of accessibility for all audiences, in Cleveland and around the globe, to find meaning and purpose in art."

Sawyer joins the Cleveland Museum of Art on June 17.

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About the Cleveland Museum of Art

The Cleveland Museum of Art is renowned for the quality and breadth of its collection, which includes more than 63,000 artworks and spans 6,000 years of achievement in the arts. The museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship, and performing arts and is a leader in digital innovations. One of the top comprehensive art museums in the nation, recognized for its award-winning open access program and free of charge to all, the Cleveland Museum of Art is located in the University Circle neighborhood.

The museum is supported in part by residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and made possible in part by the Ohio Arts Council (OAC), which receives support from the State of Ohio and the National Endowment for the Arts. The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally, and economically. For more information about the museum and its holdings, programs, and events, call 888-CMA-0033 or visit cma.org.